

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A [[procurement]] process for procuring either at least one good or at least one service, or at least one good and at least one service, for reconciling actual performance data with estimated data within said [[procurement]] process for a complex project ordered by a buyer and performed by a seller, the method comprising:

obtaining and storing in the [[procurement]] process the estimated data from any source relating to the complex project;

receiving and storing in the [[procurement]] process the actual performance data from the seller via a communication network;

using electronic comparison circuitry in the [[procurement]] process to compare the actual performance data to the estimated data to determine any discrepancy between the actual performance data and the estimated data; and

sending, in the [[procurement]] process, an electronic notification of any such discrepancy to at least one of the buyer and the seller, wherein notification of any such discrepancy is provided to the seller, whereby the seller can reconcile or account to the buyer for any such discrepancy.

2. (Currently Amended) A [[procurement]] process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the actual performance data comprises an actual cost, in whole or in part, of either goods or services, or goods and services provided by the seller in performance of the complex project.

3. (Currently Amended) A [[procurement]] process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the actual performance data comprises an actual accounting, in whole or in part, of either goods or services, or goods and services provided by the seller in performance of the complex project.

4. (Currently Amended) A [[procurement]] process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the actual performance data comprises at least one measurement of at least one parameter defining at least one aspect of the complex project.

5-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently Amended) A [[procurement]] process for reconciling as described in claim 1, wherein the [[procurement]] process generates at least one request for either at least one good or at least one service, or at least one good and at least one service to be provided by the seller to the buyer for the complex project, wherein the complex project is defined in terms of at least one parameter, and wherein the [[procurement]] process converts the at least one parameter into the at least one request, and wherein the [[procurement]] process communicates the at least one request to the seller.

16-130. (Canceled).